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In response to the September 24, 2002, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 4-9) with traverse. Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no benefit is derived from imposing this restriction requirement, it should be withdrawn in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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